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SUBJECT: DANISH POSITION/EUROPEAN SPACE COOPERATION AGREEMENTS

REF: COPENHAGEN 1722

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF ON AUGUST 9, JESPER KNUDSEN (FONOFF - ECONOMIC/ POLITICAL - INTERNATIONAL SPACE MATTERS) MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON CURRENT DANISH POSITION ON EUROPEAN SPACE COOPERATION.

2. DENMARK WILL NOT REPEAT NOT SIGN GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT SPACELAB AGREEMENT ON AUGUST 14 BECAUSE IT HAS NOT YET MADE BASIC DECISION ON WHETHER OR NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THAT PROJECT. PRIMARY FACTOR IN RESEACHINGTHIS DECISION WILL PROBABLY BE BUDGETARY.

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3. DENMARK WILL NOT REPEAT NOT SIGN ESRO-EUROPEAN COUNTRY AGREEMENT ON AUGUST 10, AUTHORIZING ESRO TO SIGN MOU WITH NASA FOR THE SAME REASON. IF DENMARK LATER DECIDED TO PARTICIPATE IN SPACELAB (SEE PARA. 6, REFTTEL), IT WILL "BY IMPLICATION" ACCEPT BOTH OF THESE.

4. DENMARK HAS DECIDED "IN PRINCIPLE" TO PARTICIPATE IN L3S TO EXTENT OF 0.5 PCT. HOWEVER, BUDGETING HAS NOT YET BEEN WORKED OUT.

5. DENMARK CONSIDERS ITALIAN CONTRIBUTION DECISIONS AS KEY TO EUROPEAN SPACE COOPERATION AT THE TIME AND BELIEVES THAT THE FATES OF L3S, SPACELAB, AND MAROTS ARE INTERDEPENDENT. DECON 10/37/73.
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